

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE**

EXPERT TESTIMONY EVALUATION

Examiner: _____ Court Date: _____ Court: _____

FS Lab #: _____ Evaluator: _____

Area of Testimony: _____

I. Appearance: ☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

II. Courtroom Demeanor: (Includes posture, alertness, voice projection, breath control, handling of excess baggage, i.e., coat, briefcase, etc.)
☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

III. Direct Examination: Prosecuting Attorney: _____

A. Qualifications: ☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

B. Evidence identification: ☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

C. Description of laboratory examinations: ☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

D. Ability to convey results in both layman and scientific terminology:
☐ Meets requirements ☐ Needs Improvement

E. Witness' conclusions are consistent with CoA: ☐Meets requirements ☐Needs Improvement

F. Demonstration with photographic or visual exhibits: ☐Meets requirements ☐Needs Improvement

G. Ability to testify within the limits of expertise: ☐Meets requirements ☐Needs Improvement

H. Appropriate direction of testimony to jurors or judge: ☐Meets requirements ☐Needs Improvement

IV. Cross-Examination: Defense Attorney: _____

A. Impartiality: ☐Meets requirements ☐Needs Improvement

B. Change of demeanor from that shown on direct examination: ☐Yes ☐No

V. Additional Comments or Considerations:

Date testimony reviewed with examiner: _____

Signature of Reviewer: _____

Signature of Examiner: _____